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For: **A THIN FILM THICKNESS MEASURING METHOD AND APPARATUS,
AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A THIN
FILM DEVICE USING THE SAME**

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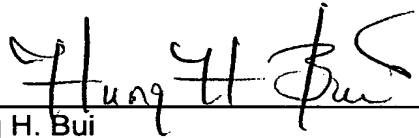
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It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

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